## **INTRODUCTION**

The tables in this volume include data on the railroad retirement and railroad unemployment insurance programs for fiscal year 1998 (October 1997-September 1998), calendar year 1997, unemployment benefit year 1997-1998 (July 1997-June 1998), and, in some tables, for earlier years.

The tables are presented in four sections: (A) financial statistics, (B) retirement and survivor benefits, (C) unemployment and sickness benefits, and (D) employment and compensation statistics. Each section is introduced by a summary of the subject matter, including definitions of the major terms used in the tables and limitations of the data presented in the tables.

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